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SUBJ: USDA FOOD SHOW

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1. EMBASSY FULLY AWARE FAS NOT IN HABIT OF MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS. FAS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE EMBASSY USUALLY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITIES IN MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR PRIVATE TRADE BUT DID SO IN THIS INSTANCE ON FAS BEHALF AND ON FAS INSTRUCTIONS IN HOPE OF SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL FOOD EXHIBIT. SHEPPARD HAS WORKED LONG HOURS TO SECURE ACCOMODATIONS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS AND GUESTS. SHEPPARD RECEIVING CONTRADICORY INFO FROM HOTELS AND INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES REGARDING STATUS THEIR RESERVATIONS. TWO LOCAL HOTELS CURRENTLY BILLING EMBASSY FOR APPROX. \$250 FOR PREVIOUS U.S. GROUPS WHICH DID NOT USE THEIR RESERVATIONS AND EMBASSY SINCERELY HOPES THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN WITH FOOD SHOW SINCE WE HAVE NO FUNDS TO COVER THIS.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTEL:

A) MELINA CONFIRMED IN SHERATON 5 NIGHTS BEGINNING APRIL 11.

B) JAMES BOND, MFC, CANCELLED SHERATON. THIS NOT REPORTED TO SHEPPARD AT APRIL 4 REVIEW WITH SHERATON MANAGEMENT. STILL NO RESERVATIONS RECORDED IN EITHER SHERATON OR HILTON FOR BOND, PATTERSON, BYRON OR HARPOLE. ON THIS BASIS, WE ASSUME NO ONE FROM MFC

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ATTENDING EXHIBIT.

C) HASTILLO AND JAMES CONFIRMED IN SHERATON. WILL ALERT
POTATO BOARD'S PR MAN FAISAL SHUAIB.

D) SHERATON APRIL 7 REPORTED NO RPT NO REQUEST FOR RESER-
VATIONS FOR GLATT AND OLSON.

E) BREWER AND TESTE HAVE CANCELLED HILTON AND WILL NOT RPT NOT
ATTEND SHOW. (SEE PARA 9)

F) HILTON REPORTED ON APRIL 7 THEY HAVE NO RESERVATIONS FOR
DAIRY QUEEN, BUTTERKERNEL REPS OR FOR SCHLENK. NO DIRECT BOOKINGS
AND NONE THROUGH KUWAIT AIRWAYS. PILLSBURY HAS DIRECTLY BOOKED
DOUBLE FOR G. O'CONNOR AND W. TERRIQUEZ BEGINNING APRIL 10.

3. M. BEJAOUI REPRESENTING MICHIGAN DEPT. AG. IN COMMISSIONER BALL'S
ABSENCE. BEJAOUI HAS MADE RESERVATIONS IN BOTH HILTON AND
SHERATON AS DID PET REP, WILBERG.

4. WORKING WITH SHERATON TO RESERVE ROOM FOR SIXTH NIGHT FOR MELINA.

5. CARPENTER NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL STAND FOR CHEW
BUT TABLE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

6. SHEPPARD APPRECIATES EHLP ON FREIGHT CONFIRMATION.

7. SHEPPARD WILL ALERT MACOMBER FIRST OPPORTUNITY AFTER ARRIVAL.

8. HAVE RECEIVED TWO EXCELLENT USDA COLOR FILMS ON GROWING AND
PROCESSING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN U.S. WE ASSUME MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION WILL APPROVE FILMS AND PLAN TO SHOW THEM IN EXHIBIT ROOM.

9. SINCE PARA 2-E DRAFTED WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM
TESTE APRIL 8 AM SAYING HE WILL RPT WILL ARRIVE HERE SUNDAY APRIL 11.
WILL ATTEMPT REINSTATE IN HILTON.
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